

## REVIEWS

**BENNY J. SIMPSON.** 1988. *A Field Guide to Texas Trees*. Texas Monthly Press, P. O. Box 1569, Austin, TX 78767. \$24.95; paperback \$16.95. 372 pp., + xi, + 113 colored plates (maps and photographs) inserted between pages 180 and 181.

The Introduction discusses the philosophy of trees and shrubs, native, introduced, etc. and 7 Tables list the entities in different perspectives. A chapter on the Vegetational Areas of Texas with brief descriptions of each are followed by the text "The Native Trees of Texas," alphabetized by genus. Table 8 is inserted with *Crataegus* and lists the series and species with synonyms and possible synonyms.

This book is not the typical field guide that possesses keys and technical descriptions. The discussion of each taxon includes history, utilization, folklore, and pertinent characteristics relating to that taxon. The species are mapped by county with a state map to the right of the title and vernacular names. The plates are inserted between the pages 180 and 181. The first 15 plates are maps with multicolored dots or areas. The other plates are colored photographs of habit, flowers, fruit, and/or foliage,

This is a very good nontechnical treatment of the trees of Texas and is recommended for its readable content that differs from the typical identification manual.

**ROBERT K. GODFREY.** 1988. *Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vines of Northern Florida and Adjacent Georgia and Alabama*. The University of Georgia Press, Athens, GA 30602. \$50.00 (hardback). 734 pp., + ix, + 355 figures (illustrations of taxa) inserted within the text.

"The geographical coverage for Florida includes all of northeastern Florida north of a line from Flagler Beach, Flagler County, on the Atlantic Coast to Horseshoe Beach on the Gulf Coast and all of the Florida Panhandle. The arbitrary boundary approximates the northern boundary for the geographic coverage of *Trees of Central Florida* by Lakela and Wunderlin" (1980, Miami, Banyan Books).